

Application Serial No. 10/507,426
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (new): A method for providing and billing for functionalities of a wireless identification module WIM in a mobile communication network, said method comprising:
conducting electronic transactions by means of mobile communication terminals in which billing occurs;

identifying a subscriber and producing a signature of the subscriber by means of a wireless identification module;

by means of an internal counter in the WIM counting each signature initiated by the subscriber; and

blocking the signature functionality of the WIM when a predetermined number of signatures has been counted by the counter.

Claim 13 (new): A method for providing and billing for functionalities of a wireless identification module WIM in a mobile communication network, said method comprising:

conducting electronic transactions by means of mobile communication terminals in which billing occurs;

identifying a subscriber and producing a signature of the subscriber by means of a wireless identification module;

by means of an internal counter in the WIM counting each signature initiated by the subscriber;

blocking the signature functionality of the WIM when a predetermined number of signatures has been counted by the counter; and

setting a release/reloading of the counter at a new predetermined number of signatures and releasing the signature functionality of the WIM for said new predetermined number of signatures.

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Claim 14 (new): The method of Claim 13, and further including, upon each said release/reloading, charging a fee to the subscriber for the predetermined number of signatures initiated by the subscriber prior to blocking the signature functionality.

Claim 15 (new): The method of Claim 14, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.

Claim 16 (new): The method of Claim 15, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via a release server connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 17 (new): The method of Claim 14, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.

Claim 18 (new): The method of Claim 17, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via a release server connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 19 (new): The method of Claim 14, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via a release server connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 20 (new): The method of Claim 13, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via a release server connected to the mobile communication network.

Claim 21 (new): The method of Claim 13, wherein the release/reloading functionality takes place via the air interface of the mobile communication network.